

Gossip of Interest to the Boy Scouts

SCOUTMASTERS TO HAVE CLUB AGAIN

Leaders in Movement Promise Season of Activity for the General Good.

The Scoutmasters Club of Washington is to be revived.

This was decided upon at a meeting held in the office of Commissioner E. S. Martin in the District building a few days ago, when a number of leading scoutmasters were present, including C. N. Filkins, of Troop No. 43, president of the old club, which was allowed to relapse early in the present year.

Not only will the club be revived but Mr. Filkins, Dr. W. H. Leonard, and a score of other prominent scout officers give assurance that it will adopt a program that will mean an activity and efficiency among the local boys that hitherto has not been equaled in any city in this country. The next meeting of scoutmasters will be held some time early next month, and the date will be announced in these columns.

Lecture on Local Topics.

The present plan is to have a meeting of all the scoutmasters of the city every month, the chief feature of which will be a lecture on Washington and its environs. One lecture, and possibly more, will be devoted to the topography of the District and the neighboring counties of Virginia and Maryland. Another will deal with local geology, another with the trees common to this part of the country, and still another to native birds and wild animals.

At least one entire evening will be given over to a lecture and discussion concerning the history and interest around the Capital, and these subjects will be but a beginning of what may be done to widen the knowledge of scoutmasters and scouts impartially.

"We are particularly fortunate in Washington in having an unusually intelligent and efficient corps of scoutmasters," said Dr. Leonard, "but many of them have agreed that it will be wise to make the range of knowledge more general in order to remove any possibility of the scouts becoming 'one-sided'."

General Knowledge the Object.

For example, one scoutmaster may have a more comprehensive knowledge of astronomy or geology, but may know little of trees or birds. Another may be a naturalist of national reputation, but of limited knowledge of historic Washington. The club members think that to have each man give the others the benefit of his special knowledge and training, and to have this knowledge disseminated among all the Boy Scouts of the city will prove a fine thing for all concerned.

Many of the lectures will be given by members of the "Merit Badge Faculty," just organized, comprising some of the most noted scientists in the Government service. The scheme was unanimously endorsed by the scoutmasters present at the recent meeting, and at the next session a program committee will probably be appointed to arrange the first series of lectures.

Boy Scout Letters

To the Scout Editor:

The scouts of Troop No. 51 were greatly disappointed because the rain kept them from taking part in the first mass hike. Eight of our boys planned a hike to Alexandria last week, but again the rain prevented, although they went as far as Fort Myer and Arlington and spent the day there, cooking their lunch near the cemetery.

We are ready for the big hike to Bladensburg this week and our scoutmaster expects a big attendance there.

FREDERICK S. LEE,
Scout Scribe, Troop No. 51.

To the Scout Editor:

The second class scouts of Troop No. 24, of whom there are six, were given a reception at the clubhouse at Congress Heights last Thursday night by Mrs. M. E. McCanna and the two assistant scoutmasters, J. L. Kidwell and B. T. Diederich.

The guests included the Rev. Merritt Earle, scoutmaster; Dr. and Mrs. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. King, Mr. and Mrs. Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. Wiesbrod, Mr. and Mrs. Purdy, Mr. and Mrs. Kidwell and Mr. and Mrs. Diederich. All of the members of the troop were present and the evening was one of the most memorable in the history of No. 24.

Our gymnasium class met last Monday under the direction of Mr. McKenna and it is proving a popular feature. We have a trapline and several pairs of dumb bells and other things in our club room.

SCOUT SCRIBE, Troop No. 24.

To the Scout Editor:

Had weather kept most of the scouts away from the Naval Battalion last Sunday afternoon, but several of our boys from Troop 21 reported. We took a trip on the motor boat D. C. M. around to the navy yard, and inspected the repairs being made on the battleship. Petty Officer Rooney took us in hand Monday night, and we made a "jack stay" thirty feet high. It is a long rope with strands of smaller rope fastened in at regular intervals, so that fourteen boys can practice knot tying at once.

At the reception given the District Commissioners at the Naval Battalion Thursday night, Howard Derrick, Lowell Eggleston, Homer Greenfield and Kenneth Harries acted as ushers. They were in charge of Scoutmaster Fred Reed, of Troop 17. Other ushers were Orville Walsh and Devere Weeden, of Troop No. 28; Charles Springman, of Troop 22, and James Harper, of Troop No. 16.

Scoutmaster Harries surprised us this week by presenting every member of the troop with a new staff, stamped with the number of the troop. We will have them with us on the hike to Hyattsville. After the hike we will hold our regular troop meeting. We have decided to purchase a bugle and appoint a regular troop bugler.

SCOUT SCRIBE, Troop No. 21.

To the Scout Editor:

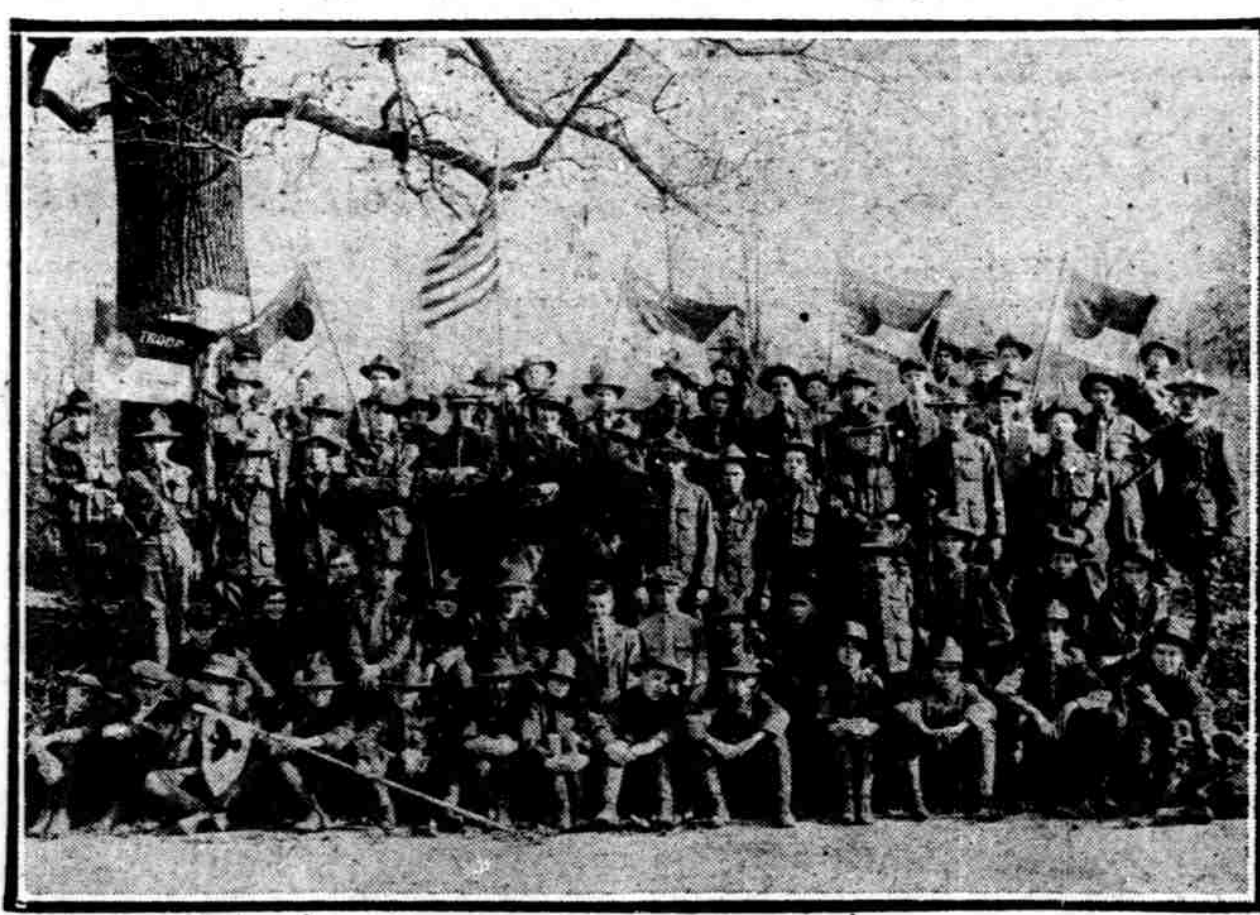
The return to Washington of Lord Percy, scoutmaster of Troop No. 22, has brightened the spirits of the boys very much, and the winter program, which will consist largely of hikes, has already begun. Scoutmaster Percy is very much pleased with the work done by the scouts, but thinks our troop ought to be larger.

A camping trip has been planned for the Thanksgiving holiday. The camp will be in charge of Scoutmaster Percy and Assistant Scoutmaster Hackett. A preparatory class for boys between the ages of eleven and twelve will be opened by our troop, and the boys will be taught all the requirements for a tenderfoot scout.

An extra meeting of the troop will be held next Tuesday evening at Eighth and I streets northeast.

SCOUT SCRIBE, Troop No. 22.

Scouts Who Hiked to Hyattsville Yesterday



These Boys Made the Start From Fifteenth and H Streets Northeast and at Hyattsville Were Joined by Troop No. 21. Scoutmaster Chauncey Hackett, Who Led the Mass Hike, Was Assisted by Scoutmasters Bowles and Taylor.

ALEXANDRIA COUNTY NEXT HIKE SCENE

Martin to Appoint Leader Who Knows in Detail History of Places on Route.

Mass Hike, No. 3, which takes place next Saturday afternoon, is going to be close to home, but it will be one of unusual interest, for it will lie through Alexandria county, Va.

The start will be made from the Georgetown end of the Aqueduct bridge at 2 o'clock sharp. The route will lie across the bridge, through Rosslyn, and out to Fort Myer and the National Cemetery at Arlington. The scouts will go through the cemetery and back to the Potomac, the hike ending at the eastern end of the Long bridge.

Scoutmaster Martin has not yet announced who will be the leader of the hike, but he promises it will be some one who is especially familiar with the historic value of the ground to be covered. No other piece of ground in the United States is more replete with places of interest than that over which the scouts will pass next Saturday, and the route is not long but that there will be plenty of time to listen to stories of the stirring events the Virginia hills saw in revolutionary and civil war times.

BOYS TO BE HOSTS TO MANY VISITORS

"Buckeye Corn Special" to Bring 1,500 Farm Lads Here From Ohio.

There will be a rare opportunity for Washington Boy Scouts to show their good will and hospitable spirit next month, when there will be three occasions on which they can "do a good turn" to strangers within their gates.

As previously announced, the "Buckeye Corn Special," bearing 1,500 Ohio boy farmers, will arrive December 3, and remain two days, while on December 11 there will be about thirty girls and sixty boys come as guests of the Department of Agriculture, all being winners in the Boys' Corn Club, the Girls' Garden and Canning Club, of the Boys' and Girls' Potato Club.

The boy and girl guests of the department will be in the city a week. They will represent twenty-two States, each being champion in his or her particular State or district, and their expenses are all paid by the Government. As they come from a wide range of territory, and mostly from the country where Scout activities are not generally understood, it has been arranged for them to hear a lecture on Boy Scout work and aims by Chief Scout Executive James E. West at the Y. M. C. A. the evening of December 5.

These visitors and the Ohio boys as well will be glad to accept the services of local scouts as guides while in the city, and Commissioner Martin and Dr. Leonard are arranging to have the Washington boys show them every possible courtesy. Such a demonstration will do more than anything else to advertise the value of scout work, and to bring about the time when there will be a troop organized in every county of every State in the Union.

The girls' occasion on which the scouts will be able to assist visitors will be during the anti-vivisection congress, which meets here December 4 and 5. Many of the scientists who will attend this congress are foreigners who cannot speak English, and Scout Commissioner Martin hopes to have at least ten scouts who are able to converse in two or three languages to act as guides for them.

Bicycle Patrol Has Arrow As Emblem

Troop No. 20 has a bicycle patrol whose emblem is a blazing arrow. Frank Niefeldt is patrol leader, with John Ehlman as assistant. The members are George Sheriff, Leslie Sheriff, Grant Thomas, Roland Simons, Ernest Schlechert, Benjamin Bretman, Clarence Larson, and Paul Seltzer. Claude Ayre, Otto Spiess, Walter Parker, and Elmer Baxter comprise the troop's signal corps.

FOUR SCORE SCOUTS MAKE MASS HIKE

Popularity of Saturday Feature Assured by Enthusiastic Performances Yesterday.

More than eighty scouts took part in the mass hike yesterday afternoon, and the popularity of this Saturday feature is assured. The start from Fifteenth and H streets was made on time under the leadership of Assistant Scoutmaster Chauncey Hackett of Troop No. 22. Scoutmasters Taylor and Bowles were also there to assist.

Three bugles, in the hands of Scouts Frank Watson, of Troop No. 1; Elmer McCann, of Troop No. 47, and Assistant Scoutmaster Fred C. Reed, of No. 17, sounded the getaway, and no halt was called until the spring was reached at the District line, on the Bladensburg road, near the National Training School for Boys.

There were sixty boys in line at the start, and several scouts later overtook the main body. At Hyattsville these were joined by Scoutmaster Harries. Troop 21, of Takoma Park, who had a contingent of his twenty-one boys out in uniform, including the new bicycle patrol in charge of Scout Denlow Hackett. This patrol claims to have the only bicycle patrol flag in Washington.

A general exchange of greetings took place in Hyattsville, and then the main body of the troop started on its return trip to the District line, where they took the car line. A dozen members of Troops 22 and 23, however, remained with Scoutmaster Harries to where a halt was called just outside of Hyattsville, and after a pleasant half hour, during which lunch was served, hiked back to Fifteenth and H streets. The day was ideal for a good hike, though some who were heavily dressed found the sun a little warm.

Calls Baden-Powell The Greatest Educator

Gen. Robert Baden-Powell, for his work as originator of the Boy Scout movement, was characterized as "the greatest educator of his time" by Prof. Ernest Howard Griffiths, in a speech recently delivered before the British Association for the Advancement of Science at Birmingham, England.

Professor Griffiths, who is professor of philosophy at the University of South Wales, said that the Scout movement was doing more to prepare boys for their struggle in life than any other single agency.

Takoma Park Troop Receives New Staff

The proudest troop in Washington today is No. 21, of Takoma Park, every member of which received a new staff last week from Scoutmaster F. L. Harries. The staves are six feet six inches long and are of the approved octagon shape.

Each one has the number of the troop stamped on them, besides a serial number, which will enable each scout to recognize his staff anywhere. They are accurately marked with the lineal scale and a coat of shells gives them a pleasing finished appearance.

Name Juvenile Court Committee Tomorrow

Another meeting of the tentative committee which is charged with the duty of selecting a Juvenile Court advisory committee will be called tomorrow afternoon, and at that time Judge J. Wilmer Latimer, of the Juvenile Court, expects to make public the names of the advisory committee members selected.

The idea of an advisory committee was first considered at an informal meeting in the office of former Commissioner Macfarland last Friday, which was followed by another meeting yesterday, when the advisory committee was selected. Judge Latimer did not make public the personnel of the body, preferring to confer with those selected before giving out their names.

At tomorrow's meeting, this information will be forthcoming.

COUNCIL RE-ELECTS OFFICIAL REGISTER

Work of Boy Scout Commissioner Also Approved—All Votes Taken Were Unanimous.

The entire roster of officers of the Washington Council of the Boy Scouts of America was re-elected at the annual meeting in Commissioner Martin's office last week, and the year's work of the commissioner and his assistants received the unqualified indorsement of those present.

The officers of the council include Arthur C. Moses, president; Cuno H. Rudolph, Henry P. Blair and Colin H. Livingston, vice presidents; Paul Dulane, treasurer, and Edgar S. Marston, commissioner. The new executive committee includes the above named officers, and Milton E. Alles, Albert M. Chesley, Stephen E. Kramer, G. A. Lion, James E. West, Philander P. Claxton, Dr. Harry M. Kaufman, E. P. Bicknell and Theodore W. Naggs.

The finance committee is composed of Mr. Dulane, Dr. Kaufman, Dr. W. H. Leonard, Mr. Moses, Mr. Livingston and Herbert A. Smith.

LAUDS SCOUTS FOR GETTYSBURG WORK

Army Surgeon Confesses He Had Not Taken Movement Seriously Theretofore.

Of the hundreds of indorsements of the Boy Scouts and their unparalleled work at Gettysburg, which have appeared since last July, none is more worthy of note than that which appears in the current issue of The American Journal of Clinical Medicine, over the signature of Dr. Richard Lee, a first lieutenant in the medical reserve corps of the United States army.

This testimonial, entirely unolicited on the part of the Scouts, is all the more striking because Dr. Lee admits that until his experience at Gettysburg he had considered the Boy Scout movement "as perhaps a desirable thing from a boy's viewpoint, but in reality not a very practical one."

Dr. Lee was chief sanitary officer of the third division of the encampment at Gettysburg, and had an excellent opportunity to see the work of the 600 Scouts there, 190 of whom were from Washington, Hyattsville and Frederick, Md. He writes of his conversion to the Scout cause as follows:

"It was an interesting sight during the first day or so of the camp to see companies of these youngsters marching from various trains with the precision of veterans and taking up their stations here and there throughout the outskirts of the camp, with the responsibilities they were about to undertake."

"Looking back over the work, it would have been almost impossible to have carried out successfully many of the details without the aid of these boys. They were useful in every capacity one could possibly think of—as orderlies in hospitals, messengers in connection with the various offices, or to man the ambulances, thus relieving medical officers for more important duties in the various hospitals. They independently manned first-aid stations, in connection with the Red Cross work throughout the outskirts of the camp, and on the surrounding battlefield; they acted as flagmen by day and by night on the dangerous crossings of the railroad, as guides and messengers for the enfeebled veterans, and in every useful capacity did they willingly, courageously, and thoroughly demonstrate the efficiency of the organization."

"Everywhere did I hear praise, and almost incessantly the request made for Boy Scouts. It is to be hoped that the Washington authorities may take cognizance of the tremendous import of the movement and in some practical way encourage and foster the spirit and interest of this work."

74 DESCENDANTS MOURN MRS. THORNE

Anacostia People in Funeral Party at Broad Creek, Md.—Congress Heights Baptists Start Fund for New Building. St. Andrew's Societies Prepare for Elections.

WASHINGTON TIMES BUREAU. ANACOSTIA D. C., NOV. 22.

Villagers of Broad Creek, Prince George county, Md., a section several miles south of this place, were present in large numbers today at the funeral of Mrs. Agnes Watson Thorne, who was one of the oldest women in that community, where she had lived for more than fifty years. The last rites were performed this afternoon in St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church, the Rev. H. E. Ryerson, the rector, officiating. The interment took place in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Thorne, who was seventy-seven years old, died after an illness lasting but three days. She was stricken with paralysis, which resulted fatally in a short time. Her husband is William Thomas Thorne, eighty-four years old, a former justice of the peace in that part of Maryland.

Mrs. Thorne was a native of Edinburgh, Scotland. She came to America with relatives when she was seven years old. She lived for a few years in Alexandria, Va. Later she married Mr. Thorne, a prominent citizen of Broad Creek, where they have resided ever since. In 1907 the couple celebrated the diamond anniversary of their wedding. It was a community event, taking place in the parish hall of the P. E. Church.

Ten children, fifty-seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren survive Mrs. Thorne. Bearing her remains today to the final resting spot were six grandsons, Howard Thorne, Algon Lushy, Percy Taylor, Reginald Taylor, Frank Thorne, and Charles Thorne. One of her sons, Frank Thorne, is a resident of W. street, this place, and the family is widely known here, as well as in southern Maryland.

With a larger church building in view, the Baptists in Congress Heights have started a building fund. The portable chapel erected a year ago is too small already, and in another year the congregation hopes to have a new one. The denomination is gratified at the rapid growth, as established by the statistics made public at the late meeting of the Columbia Association of Baptist Churches in the District.

The Congress Heights Church made the greatest proportionate gain in membership among the twenty-two churches in the jurisdiction. It ranked fifth in the actual number of members gained in the last year. There was an increase of about 30 per cent in its membership over the previous twelve months and an increase of 50 per cent in the amounts contributed by the congregation. The Rev. Dr. E. E. Richardson, of Washington, became its pastor a year ago, and he has begun the collection of a building fund within the past week.

St. Andrew's Day, November 30, will be observed generally in the Protestant Episcopal parishes, and especially by

the Brotherhood of St. Andrew organizations, which will hold their annual elections about the same time. The rule is that these societies elect their officers on the meeting night closest to St. Andrew's Day. Hence, throughout the city the brotherhood organizations are arranging for their annual meetings.

Emmanuel Chapter, 191, will meet tomorrow night next in the parish hall, but, on account of special business, the annual election will be postponed until the following meeting. The principal business will be the reception and discussion of a report from J. C. Winterwerp, who was a delegate to the New York city convention.

Infants and children of tender years were taken to St. Teresa's Church this afternoon for the blessing of the innocents, as the service is termed, in connection with the mission exercises which have been in progress in the parish for the past two weeks.

The men's mission will close tonight at 7:30 o'clock, when there will be a renewal of the baptismal vows, with the papal benediction. Announcement was made this morning that mass will be celebrated on Thanksgiving Day in St. Teresa's Church, at 7 o'clock, and that the prayers for the authorities will be read.

Dr. Alfred Glascock, of the medical staff of the Government Hospital for the insane, is on duty again after a prolonged vacation in Virginia and Washington.

A committee of the Congress Heights Public Improvement Association has begun arrangements for the reception to District Commissioner Newman, who is expected to visit the association at its December gathering. Philip Magruder is the chairman of the entertainment committee of the association, to which has been committed the arrangements for the entertainment to be provided.

Harbors Congress Will Bring 2,000

Two thousand delegates are expected to attend the National Rivers and Harbors Congress which meets in Washington December 2, 3, 4, and 5. The congress this year will be one of the biggest on record, and the delegates are pledged to work at the Capitol for the river and harbor improvements approved by the army engineers.

Governors of thirty-five States have appointed delegates, as have the mayors of a hundred or more cities. The delegates from commercial bodies, boards of trade, and chambers of commerce will swell the total of delegates to unusual proportions.

FIVE YEARS' PRISON: GRENNELL SENTENCE

Electrician Employed in Building Trolley Line Found Guilty of Serious Charge.

ROCKVILLE, Md., Nov. 22.—Five years in the Maryland penitentiary was the sentence imposed upon George G. Grennell, a resident of Stafford county, Va., who was employed as foreman of electricians on the construction of the Chevy Chase-Great Falls railway, upon his being convicted in the circuit court here yesterday. It was represented that he was guilty of improper conduct toward Nellie Lowe, the ten-year-old daughter of William H. Lowe, of Bethesda, this county. Grennell was boarding at a house adjoining the Lowe home. He denied the accusation.

Vernon Thompson, of Germantown, this county, was acquitted of a charge

of assault with intent to kill preferred by John E. Parr, also of Germantown neighborhood.

About 100 young people from this county, Washington, Baltimore, and elsewhere attended the dance given at the Montgomery Country Club here last evening by Mr. and Mrs. F. Hazel Cashell, of Avery, this county.

James W. Hudson, of Washington, and Miss Maude Thornhill, of Boston, Va., and Samuel Herbert Veltmeyer and Miss Mabel McKim Olson, both of Washington, have been issued marriage licenses by the clerk of the circuit court here.

At a meeting of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew of Christ Episcopal Church, Kensington, held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Warren Price, these officers were elected: Director, Charles H. Davidson; vice director, Merritt O. Chance; secretary and treasurer, William Duvall. Mr. Chance was also chosen a delegate to the local assembly of the diocese.

New suits have been filed in the office of the clerk of the circuit court here as follows: Maryland Life Insurance Company against Samuel S. Cassell, for foreclosure of mortgage; Elizabeth Frasier against John Frasier, for divorce; Charles B. Murphy against Carroll H. Wood, to foreclose mortgage.

Miss Lillie Ball, of Baltimore, is visiting at the home of Dr. and Mrs. O. M. Litchum here.

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